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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2000, Applicants request the following amendments be made to the application identified above.

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In the Specification

Please replace the existing specification with the substitute specification submitted with this amendment. A marked up version of the specification is attached hereto.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, and 6 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, and 30 as follows.

2. (Amended) [The] A DNA construct [of claim 1] comprising a first DNA segment encoding a precursor polypeptide comprising a pro-sequence of mammalian t-PA; and